

## **INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN REGULATIONS**

### **Sections 100057 through 100083**

#### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

The proposed revisions to these Sections are to amend all “EMT-I” references to the new label of “EMT”, to make all references to “local EMS agency” read “LEMSA”, and to make all references to the “EMS Authority” read “Authority”.

The EMT amendments are based on the future implementation of the National Educational Standards that will change the EMS provider level of services to EMT, Advanced EMT, and Paramedic. The LEMSAs amendments and Authority amendments were changed to be consistent with acronyms used throughout the regulations pertaining to EMT, Advanced EMT, and Paramedic.

The EMT regulations were last amended in 2007.

#### **NECESSITY**

These changes are necessary for consistency with the revisions to the EMT-II Regulations (Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22) and the Paramedic Regulations (Chapter 4, Division 9, Title 22).

### **Section 100058. EMT Certifying Entity.**

#### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Section 100058 is amended to change “certifying authority” to “certifying entity” and the definition was amended to state that a public safety agency, the State Fire Marshal if they have a training program, or the LEMSAs medical director can be a certifying entity. Subsections (a) – (c) were removed from this section.

Health and Safety Code sections 1797.62 and 1797.118 were added to the Reference section.

#### **NECESSITY**

This change is necessary to be consistent with statutory language in AB 2917 (Torrico, Chapter 274, Statutes of 2008) and to clarify who can be a certifying entity.

### **Section 100059. EMT Certifying Written Examination.**

#### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Section 100059 is amended to specify that the National Registry of EMTs EMT-I Basic written examination is the only written certifying examination for EMTs in California and to specify how long the exam results are valid for applying for EMT certification.

Beginning January 1, 2006, California adopted the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) as the only competency based written certifying exam for individuals applying to become EMTs. The NREMT EMT-Basic written examination was selected because it is professionally developed, validated, and legally defensible.

## NECESSITY

This change is necessary to clarify the specific written certifying examination used in California for EMTs and the time frame that the test results are valid for the purposes of applying for EMT certification. This change is also consistent with Section 1797.210 that requires the certifying examination to be designated by the EMS Authority.

### **Section 100059.1. EMT Certifying Skills Examination.**

#### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Section 100059.1 is a new section added to clarify that the skills portion of the EMT certifying examination is the National Registry of EMTs EMT-Basic skills examination and that the results are only valid for 1-year after testing.

## NECESSITY

This change is necessary to clarify that the certifying skills examination is valid for 1-year. Most EMT training programs in California administer the certifying examination test as part of the EMT training course. Students need to pass the certifying skills examination prior to taking the certifying examination. Some students wait longer than 1-year to take the certifying written exam, by doing so, their skills test has expired and they have to go back and perform the skills test again to be able to take the written exam.

### **Section 100060. Emergency Medical Technician.**

#### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Section 100060 is amended to change “certifying authority” to “certifying entity”.

## NECESSITY

This change is necessary to be consistent with statutory language in AB 2917.

### **Section 100062. Application of Chapter to Operation of Ambulances.**

#### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Section 100062, Subsection (b)(4) was amended to change the reference to “Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic (EMT-P)” to “Paramedic”. This term is consistent with the same term that is being adopted at the national level through the National Education Standards.

Subsection (b)(5) was amended to change the reference to EMT-II to “Advanced EMT”. This term is consistent with the same term at the national level and will also be incorporated into amendments to the Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22, formerly known as the EMT-II Regulations.

## NECESSITY

These sections are amended to comply with the new National Education Standards and the amendment to the EMT-II Regulations is consistent with the definition of EMT-II in the Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

### **Section 100063. Scope of Practice of Emergency Medical Technician.**

#### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Subsection (a)(4) was amended to add the acronym “CPR” to cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Subsection (a)(12): to change “EMT-II” to “Advanced EMT”

Subsection (b)(4)(B): to add the number “14” after the word “fourteen” and to specify the timeline as “working days”.

Subsection (b)(4)(C): to add the number “90” after the word “ninety” and to specify the timeline as “calendar” days.

Subsection (d): to add information regarding an EMT-I’s scope of practice when on a mutual aid request response. Prior language restricted the EMT to their basic scope of practice and not the optional scope of practice. The new language provides that an EMT-I who is accredited in optional skills may practice those skills according to the policies, procedures, and protocols from where the individual is accredited on a mutual aid response. .

#### NECESSITY

The changes to subsections (a)(4), (b)(4)(B) and (b)(4)(C) are necessary for clarification.

The change to subsection (a)(12) is consistent with the definition of EMT-II in Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

The change to subsection (d) is necessary for clarification of the scope of practice of EMTs while on a mutual aid response.

#### **Section 100063.1. EMT AED Service Provider.**

Reference Section: Health and Safety Code, section 1797.196 was added.

#### NECESSITY

This addition was necessary for consistency with the automated external defibrillator information contained in Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

#### **Section 100064. EMT Optional Skills.**

##### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Old subsections (b), (f), (h) are deleted because these items are to sunset when the EMT-II Regulations (Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22) would be revised. The scope of practice items in these subsections will be covered in the revisions to the EMT-II Regulations, which are being revised at the same time as these EMT Regulations.

Old subsection (c), new subsection (b) was amended to replace the term “esophageal-tracheal airway device” with the term “perilaryngeal airway adjunct” so as to not limit the airway devices the EMT may use.

Subsections (b)(3), (c)(3), (d)(3), and (e)(4) were amended to state that the LEMSA must establish policies and procedures regarding demonstration of skills and that they must be performed at “least” every “two years” or more frequently depending on quality improvement data being collected.

Subsection (d) was former letter (e) and amended to remove “preloaded syringe” because these are no longer being used.

Subsections (d)(1)(E)(4) and (d)(2)(E) were amended to remove “preloaded syringe” because these are no longer being used.

Subsection (d)(1) was amended to add the number “2” after the word “two”.

Subsection (f) sunsetted from this Chapter because it will be placed in the Advanced EMT Regulations, (Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22).

Subsection (e) was former (g) and amended to delete the statement “when available” when referring to prepackaged medications thereby restricting the medication listed as needing to be prepackaged.

Subsection (e)(2) was amended to add the word “two” in front of the number 2.

Subsection (h) allowing establishing IV access under the supervision of a paramedic sunsetted and placed in the Advanced EMT Regulations (Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22).

Subsection (f)(2) was formerly letter (l)(2) and amended to add a comma after the word “utilized” as well as adding to the last sentence an exception to the geographical area where the optional skills would be practiced. The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that an EMT accredited in optional skills may practice those optional skills while on a mutual aid response.

Subsection (f)(5) was added to this section and would allow for disciplinary action to be taken on an EMTs accreditation who fails to demonstrate competency in an optional skill. This disciplinary action shall be in accordance with Chapter 6, Division 9, Title 22, Process for EMT and Advanced EMT Disciplinary Action.

Subsection (g) was formerly letter (j) and was amended to add replace “local EMS agency” with the acronym “LEMSA.”

Subsection (g)(1) was amended to delete the word “designation” in reference to the service provider because the medical director approves service providers instead of designating service providers. Another amendment to this subsection was to add the phrase “utilize approved optional skills,” to clarify that the policies and procedures are for the optional scope of practice items.

Subsection (g)(4) was amended to removed the words “quality improvement program” and be replaced by the acronym “EMSQIP”.

New Subsection (g)(5) was added to clarify that the LEMSAs medical director needs to establish policies and procedures for additional training necessary to maintain the requirements for accreditation in optional skills

Subsection (h) was previously Subsection (k).

Subsection (h)(1) was amended to clarify that when a LEMSAs medical director appoints an optional skills medical director, the optional skills medical director shall approve and monitor the training programs that provide optional skills training.

Subsection (h)(2) was amended to add establishing a remediation plan if necessary to the LEMSAs policies and procedures regarding monitoring the competency of EMTs who are accredited in optional skills.

Subsections (h)(3)(A) – (D) was removed because monitoring EMTs with optional skills is address with the new subsection (g) (5) of this section along with the employer’s quality improvement program that is referenced in Section 100061.1 of this Chapter. Also, if an EMT who fails to maintain competency in any of the optional skills, the local EMS agency medical director may impose discipline on the EMT’s accreditation as specified in subsection (f) (5).

Subsection (l) was renumber to (i) and other nonsubstantive changes were made such as changing the term local EMS agency to the acronym LEMSAs, capitalizing the titles

for physician, registered nurse, physician assistant, and replacing the term EMT-II with Advanced EMT.

Subsection (m) was renumber to (j).

Subsection (n) was renumber to (k) and other nonsubstantive changes were made such as replacing the term local EMS agency with the acronym LEMSA and replacing the term EMT-I with EMT.

## NECESSITY

These changes are necessary:

1. Old subsection (c), new subsection (b) to incorporate a more generic title for airway devices that would not be restrictive and include a broader range of devices that are available now and may be available in the future.
2. For subsections (b)(3), (c)(3), (d)(3), and (e)(4) because frequent competency demonstrations have shown to be overly burdensome and unnecessary and quality improvement processes have shown to be more effective at monitoring competency.
3. For subsection (d)(1)(E)(4) and (d)(2)(E) because preloaded syringes are outdated and not used.
4. Old subsections (b), (f), (h) because a number of these optional skills are being moved to the EMT-II Regulations and because subsection (a) of this section indicated that these options skills would sunset with the revisions to the EMT-II Regulations, which are being revised at the same time as this Chapter.
5. Because of consistency with other Chapters of Regulations such as the Process for EMT and Advanced EMT Disciplinary Action and the EMT-II Regulations.
6. Subsections (d)(1), (e)(2), (g), (g)(4), (l), and (k) are nonsubstantive changes that were made for clarification and consistency.
7. New Subsection (e) (old subsection (g)) the term prepackaged was deleted because it is unnecessary and outdate, prepackaged medications are readily available.
8. New subsection (f)(2) as a recommendation from the EMT 2010 Task Force because EMTs with optional skills need to be able to practice those optional skills on a mutual aid response outside the geographical jurisdiction of the local EMS agency where they are accredited to perform those skills.
9. New subsection (f)(5) because the local EMS agency medical director needs to have a process to impose discipline on an EMT's accreditation, in a consistent manner with other certification disciplinary processes, (Chapter 6 of this division, Process for EMT and Advanced EMT Disciplinary Action), for EMT's with optional skills who fail to maintain competency in the optional skills the local EMS agency approves them to practice.
10. Subsection (g)(1) because the term "designate" is unnecessary because the local EMS approves services providers.
11. New Subsection (g)(5) to clearly specify the requirements for an EMT to maintain accreditation in locally approved optional skills.
12. Subsection (h)(1) to clearly identify one of the roles of the optional skill medical director.

13. Subsection (h)(2) because the to clarify that a remediation plan may be an option for an EMT to obtain additional training to achieve competency.
14. Subsections (h)(3)(A) – (D) because these items unnecessary and are addressed in subsection (f) (5).

#### **Section 100064.1. EMT Trial Studies.**

##### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Throughout this section the term “local EMS agency,” was replaced with the acronym “LEMSA” for consistency with the rest of this Chapter.

Subsection (a)(5) was amended to remove “EMT” from in front of Paramedic. This was done for consistency with the rest of this Chapter.

Subsection (c) was amended to specify the timeline is “calendar” days.

Subsection (d) was amended to specify the timeline is “working” days.

Subsection (e) was amended to specify the timeline is “calendar” days.

##### **NECESSITY**

The use of the acronym LEMSAs and amendment to the change the term Paramedic from EMT-Paramedic are necessary for consistency with other sections of this Chapter. The amendments to specify either calendar days or working days are necessary to clarify specific timelines.

#### **Section 100066. Procedure for EMT Training Program Approval.**

##### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

The title of this section was amended to “Procedure for EMT Training Program Approval” for clarification.

Subsection (b)(9) was amended to add the words “twenty-four hour (24)” to specify that the refresher course shall be at least 24-hours in length. The reference to subsections (1-8) was amended to subsections (1-6) because subsections (7 & 8) are not relevant for EMT refresher courses.

Subsection (b)(9)(A) is a new Subsection that was added to specify that the EMT refresher course shall be consistent with the U.S. DOT EMT-Basic Refresher National Standard Curriculum and include the document number and effective date of that curriculum.

##### **NECESSITY**

These amendments are necessary:

Section title to clarify this section pertains to EMT training programs.

Subsection (b)(9) to specify that the EMT refresher course needs to be at least 24-hours in length and to clarify that certain training program approval requirements are not applicable to EMT refresher courses.

Subsection (b)(9)(A) to specify the curriculum for EMT refresher courses.

#### **Section 100069. EMT Training Program Notification.**

##### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

The title of this section was amended from “Program Approval” to “EMT Training Program Notification” for further clarify the content of this section.

Subsection (a) was amended to require all EMT training program approving authorities (the Authority and the local EMS agencies) to notify the EMT training program of the requirements of this subsection. This subsection is also amended to specify the timeline as seven working days for the EMT training program approving authority to notify the training program that the request for approval was received. Subsection (e) was amended to remove the words “continuing education” and replaced with the acronym CE to be consistent with the rest of this Chapter.

#### NECESSITY

These changes are necessary:

Subsection (a) for consistency amongst the two EMT training program approving authorities (Authority and LEMSAs) for notifying the training program of receipt of the application for approval. Also, this amendment is necessary to specify the timeline to provide that notification.

Subsection (e) for consistency with other references to continuing education contained in this Chapter.

#### **Section 100070. Teaching Staff.**

##### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Subsection (a) was amended to add the number “(40)” after the word “forty”.

Subsection (d)(3)(B) was amended to remove the reference to “EMT-II” and replace it with “Advanced EMT”.

#### NECESSITY

These changes are necessary:

Subsection (a) for clarification.

Subsection (d)(3)(B) for consistency with the other references to Advanced EMT throughout this Chapter and because the EMS Authority is replacing the title EMT-II with Advanced EMT in this Chapter and the EMT-II Chapter (Chapter 3 of this division).

#### **Section 100071. EMT Training Program Review and Reporting.**

##### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

The title of this section was amended to specify that this section pertains to EMT Training Program.

Subsection (c) was amended to specify the timeline in calendar days and to add the number (30) in reference to the number of days. The words “course content, hours of instruction” were removed because notification to the medical director of change in course content or hours of instruction is unnecessary. Notification to the medical director of changes to principle instructor, address, phone number and contact person is necessary to report, so that language was added to this subsection.

New Subsection (d) this new language to require a training program to keep student records for no less than four (4) years.

#### NECESSITY

These changes are necessary:

Subsection (c) to specify the timeline and the relevant changes to the training program.

New Subsection (d) to specify the minimum timeframe to retain student records for auditing purposes by the EMT training program approving authority.

### **Section 100072. Withdrawal of EMT Training Program Approval.**

#### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Section title was amended from “Withdrawal of Program Approval” to “Withdrawal of EMT Training Program Approval” for consistency and clarification.

Subsection (a) was amended to add “denial or probation” to the list of actions that can be taken against an approved training program that is not in compliance with the requirements of this Chapter. The timeline to come into compliance was deleted because other timelines are established in the later subsections.

Subsections (a) (1 - 4) were added to establish the process and timelines for the EMT training program approving authority to take adverse action on a training program’s approval.

Reference Section was amended to remove Health and Safety Code, Section 1798.202 since it applies to individual certification holders or license holders and not training programs.

#### **NECESSITY**

These changes are necessary:

Subsections (a) and (a) (1 – 4) to establish a process in regulation to take adverse action on an EMT training program’s approval when a training program is out of compliance with this Chapter.

Because the reference Section does not apply to this Section.

### **Section 100074. EMT Training Program Required Course Hours.**

#### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Subsection (a) was amended to add the number “(120)” between the words “one hundred twenty” and “hours”, for consistency with rest of Chapter.

Subsection (a)(1) was amended to add the number “(110)” between the words “one hundred ten” and “hours”, for consistency with rest of Chapter.

Subsection (a)(2) was amended to add the number “(10)” between the words “ten” and “hours”, for consistency with rest of Chapter. Also, “(5) documented” was added to state how many patient contacts are needed as well as adding that the EMT student is evaluated in the performance of EMT skills.

Reference Section was amended to add Health and Safety Code, Section 1979.208.

#### **NECESSITY**

These changes are necessary:

Subsection (a), (a)(1), and (a)(2) for consistency with the other sections of this Chapter.

Subsection (a)(2) was amended to include the requirement that patient contacts need to be documented which is necessary for training program approving authorities when auditing a training program for compliance with the Chapter.



## **Section 100077. EMT Training Program Course Completion Record.**

### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Subsection (c) was amended to add the number “(2)” between the words “two” and “years”, for consistency with rest of Chapter.

Subsection (d) was amended to add the number “(15)” after the word “fifteen” and the term “working” as added to specify and clarify this timeline.

Subsection (e) was amended to change “EMT Certifying Authorities” to “EMT Certifying Entities” because the term “entities” was created in AB 2917 and used throughout this Chapter.

Reference Section was amended to add Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.208.

### **NECESSITY**

These changes are necessary:

Subsections (c) & (d) for consistency with the rest of this Chapter.

Subsection (d) to specify the timeline.

Subsection (e) for consistency with the definition from AB 2917.

For the reference section because this section of the Health and Safety Code was omitted from the previous version of this Chapter.

## **Section 100078. EMT Training Program Course Completion by Challenge Process.**

### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Section title was amended to clarify the purpose of this section and for consistency with the rest of the Chapter.

Subsection (a) was amended to clarify that the course completion record must come “from an approved EMT training program,” as opposed to the local EMS agency.

Subsection (a) (1) is a nonsubstantial change to capitalize the titles of other health professions.

Subsection (a)(2) was amended to remove the reference to the U.S. Coast Guard because they are considered part of the Armed Forces, which is already listed in this subsection. The reference to the US DOT EMT curriculum was amended to list the full title, which is consistent with the rest of this Chapter. Removed “continuing education” language and replaced with “CE” acronym.

Subsection (d) was removed because the EMT challenge process, including the examination need to be conducted at an approved EMT training program.

New Subsection (d), was previously Subsection (e) and was amended to add the number “(1)” after the word “one”.

Subsection (f) was amended to be New Subsection (e).

### **NECESSITY**

These changes are necessary:

Subsections (a) and (d) to clarify that the challenge process must be conducted by an approved EMT training program.

Subsection (a)(2) because the Coast Guard is considered a part of the Armed Services and does not need to be mentioned separately.

## **Section 100079. EMT Initial Certification Requirements.**

### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Section title "Certification" and was amended to "EMT Initial Certification Requirements" to clarify the purpose of this section and for consistency with the rest of this Chapter.

Subsection (a) was amended to add the word "initial" before "certification" to clarify that the provisions of this section apply to first time certificate applicants.

Subsection (a)(1) was amended to add the reference to Section 100066 that requires EMT training to come from an approved EMT training program that meets the requirements of this Chapter.

Subsection (a)(2) was amended to add the number "2" after the word "two".

Subsection (a)(3) was amended to add the number "2" after the word "two".

Subsection (a)(4) was amended to specify that there is a single, standardized certifying written and skills examinations in California. The old language was intended to cover transition periods from when local EMS agency approved certifying written and skills examinations, then the date that the single standardized certifying written and skills examinations were approved by the EMS Authority. This transition language is no longer necessary. References to Sections 100059 and 100059.1 were added that specify the current standardized certifying written and skills examinations.

Subsection (a)(5) was amended to add the number "(18)" after the word "eighteen".

New Subsection (a)(6) was added to state that beginning 7/1/2010, EMT certification applicants need to have a criminal background check as required in AB 2917 and is consistent with the provisions contained in Chapter 10 of this Division.

Old Subsection (a)(6): language has been struck because the other reasonable requirements are contained in this section and other sections of this Chapter.

Old Subsection (a)(6)(A), new Subsection (7) was amended to add language pertaining to verifying, under penalty of perjury, that all items on the EMT initial application are true and correct as a standard requirement for EMT certification.

Old Subsection (a)(6)(B): language has been struck because it is no longer necessary and has been replaced with provisions in this section that each EMT applicant will be required to disclose any action taken on their EMT or paramedic license as well as being required to have a criminal background check and the central registry will contain certification and disciplinary information.

New Subsection (a)(8) added language stating that the applicant must disclose all actions (licensure or certification) taken against them, EMT through Paramedic. This language takes the place of the old subsection (a) (6) (B).

Old Subsection (a)(6)(C) language has been struck because criminal background checks are no longer an other reasonable requirement, is actually required as a result of AB 2917.

Old Subsection (a)(6)(D) was amended to be the new Subsection (9).

Old Subsection (a)(6)(E) was amended to be the new Subsection (10) and states that the photo must be full face and passport compliant. The purpose is to have a photograph on file in the event an EMT is being investigated.

Old Subsection (a)(6)(F) was amended to strike the old language because it is no longer necessary here and to be the new Subsection (10)(A). The new language also specifies that the photograph is not part of a public record.

Old Subsection (a)(6)(G): language has been struck because it is no longer necessary as a recommendation by the EMT 2010 Task Force and because employers are required to have quality improvement programs.

Subsection (b) was amended to add “Advanced EMT certificate” to the list of eligible levels in recertification.

Subsection (b)(1), discusses a lapse less than six months, was amended to add the number “(6)” after the word “six” and to add new reference sections 100079 (a)(6) and 100080 (f) through (k) of this Chapter. Remove the reference to Section 100080 (e) from the language. These subsection references were revised due to new requirements for certification resulting from AB 2917.

Subsection (b)(2), discusses a lapse between six months and twelve months, was amended to add the number “(6)” after the word “six”, add the number “(12)” after the word “twelve, and to add new reference sections 100079 (a)(6) and 100080 (g) through (k) of this Chapter. Remove the reference to Section 100080 (e) from the language.

Subsection (b)(3), discusses a lapse between twelve months and twenty-four months was amended to add the number “(12)” after the word “twelve”, add the word “twenty-four” before the number “(24)” and to add new reference sections 100079 (a)(6) and 100080 (g) through (k) of this Chapter. Remove the reference to Section 100080 (e) from the language. Regarding completing additional hours, added the number “(24)” after the word “twenty-four”, removed “continuing education” and replaced with “CE” which is the acronym used throughout the chapter, and added the word “forty-eight” before the number “(48)”.

Subsection (b)(4) was amended to add the number “(24)” after the word “twenty-four” for consistency with the rest of this Chapter.

Subsection (c) was amended to add “Advanced EMT” to the list that is deemed to be certified as an EMT, accept if that “Advanced EMT” certification is under suspension. “Advanced EMT and EMT-II” and “individual” was added in the sentence to specify that an individual that meets this criteria must apply to the local EMS agency for certification so that the local EMS agency may review that case and determine if the individual is subject to disciplinary action.

Subsection (d) was amended to state this pertains to “initial” certification and subsections (7) through (10) of this Section was added as requirements for initial certification for an individual that meets this certification eligibility criteria.

Subsection (d)(1) was amended to clarify that an individual with a National Registry EMT-Basic certification alone does not meet California EMT certification requirements.

Subsection (d)(2) was amended to clarify that an individual with a National Registry EMT-Intermediate or Paramedic certification alone does not meet California EMT certification requirements.

New Subsection (d)(3) was added to specify that an individual must possess a “current and valid” CA Advanced EMT or EMT-II certification or Paramedic license to meet the certification eligibility requirements contained in this subsection.

Subsection (e) was amended to add reciprocity criteria for individuals that have an out-of-state EMT certificate.

Old Subsection (f) language has been struck because these criteria are no longer necessary as the single, standardized certifying written and skills examinations are specified in Sections 100059 and 100059.1 of this Chapter.

Old Subsection (g) is the new Subsection (f) which adds the word “card” after “certificate” for clarification that the certificate is a wallet sized card. The certificate card needs to meet the requirements contained in “Section 100344 (c) and (d) of Chapter 10” of this division. The rest of the original language in this section was struck because it is contained in the reference to Chapter 10.

Old Subsection (h) was changed to the new Subsection (g) which adds effective certification date requirements. The word “valid” was added to specify the length of time the certification is good for and to specify that the certification period is valid for two years starts from “the date that the individual passes the National Registry EMT-Basic certifying exam”. This is to avoid certification periods that may exceed two years as some of the National Registry certifications do exceed two years.

Subsection (g)(1) was amended to remove the expiration date from the National Registry certification card and to specify that the California EMT certification period shall not exceed two years.

Subsection (g)(2) was amended to remove reference to paramedic certification because paramedics are licensed in California.

Subsection (h)(3) was struck because the effective date is specified in subsection (g).

Reference section was amended to add Health and Safety Code, sections 1797.61, 1797.62, 1797.118, and 1797.185.

## NECESSITY

These changes are necessary:

For clarification in several subsections by placing a number in parenthesis for emphasis.

To specify that the provisions of this Chapter apply to initial EMT certification.

To specify that beginning July 1, 2010 all EMTs must have a criminal background check which is required in AB 2917.

To standards the application and certification requirements for EMTs that was required by AB 2917.

To reference the single, standardized EMT certifying written and skills examinations.

To specify that a National Registry EMT-Basic or other National Registry certificate does not qualify as an EMT certificate in California.

To reference the relevant section of Chapter 10 of this division that specifies the required content of the EMT certificate card.

To specify the effective and expiration dates and the certification period for EMT certification.

## **Section 100080. EMT Recertification.**

### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Section title was previously labeled “Maintaining EMT-I Certification”, but was amended to “EMT Recertification”.

Section 100080 was amended to remove language about “maintaining certification”.

Subsection (b) was amended to add the number “(24)” behind the words “twenty-four” for consistency with this Chapter as well as removing “continuing education” and replacing it with the acronym “CE”.

Subsection (c) was amended to add the number “(24)” behind the words “twenty-four” for consistency with this Chapter.

Subsection (d) was amended to add the Advanced EMT certification and remove “continuing education” and replace it with the acronym “CE”.

New Subsection (e) added language stating that after 7/1/2010, criminal background checks will be required in accordance with Chapter 10 of this Division.

Old Subsection (e) language has been struck because other reasonable requirements are contained in other sections of this Chapter.

Old Subsection (e)(1) was amended to be new Subsection (f) and references the certification application requirements in 100079(a)(7) of this Chapter.

Old Subsection (e)(2): language has been struck because this requirement was contained in subsection (g) of this Section.

Old Subsection (e)(3): language has been struck as an “other reasonable requirement” because criminal background checks are required for EMT certification.

New Subsection (g) added language stating that the applicant must disclose all actions (licensure or certification) taken against them, EMT through Paramedic.

Old Subsection (e)(4) was amended to be New Subsection (h).

Old Subsection (e)(5) was amended to be New Subsection (i) and states that the photo submitted for certification, must be full face and passport compliant.

New Subsection (i)(1) specifies that the photo submitted is not public record.

Old Subsection (e)(6): language has been struck because the additional training is no longer necessary.

Old Subsection (e)(7): language has been struck as a recommendation from the EMT 2010 Task Force because it is no longer necessary because employers are required to have quality improvement programs.

Old Subsection (f) was amended to be New Subsection (j), the words “continuing education” were struck and replaced by the acronym “CE” as well as adding that the skills verification is good for two years for recertification.

Subsection (j)(5) was amended to add “CPR” and “automated external defibrillation” was struck and replaced with the acronym “AED” for consistency with this Chapter.

Old Subsection (g) was amended to be New Subsection (k) and “maintenance of certification” was replaced by “EMT recertification”. The number “(6)” was added after the word “six” and that the effective date of recertification is the day after the previous certificate expires. The number “(2)” was added after the word “two” for consistency with this Chapter.

Old Subsection (h) was amended to be New Subsection (l) and “maintenance of certification” was replaced by “EMT recertification”. The number “(6)” was added after the word “six” and that the recertification expiration shall not exceed two years and be the final day of the month. The number “(2)” was added after the word “two” for consistency with this Chapter.

Old Subsection (l) was amended to be New Subsection (m) which adds the word “card” after “certificate” pursuant to “Section 100344 (c) and (d) of Chapter 10” of this Division. The rest of the original language in this section was struck because the content of the EMT certificate card is contained in Chapter 10 of this Division.

New Subsection (n) adds language to this Chapter that explains how a person, whose EMT certification expired while on active duty, can recertify their EMT certificate.

Reference section was amended for consistency with Health and Safety Code, sections 1797.61, 1797.62, 1797.118, and 1797.184.

## NECESSITY

These changes are necessary:

For clarification in several subsections by placing a number in parenthesis for emphasis.  
To specify that beginning July 1, 2010 all EMTs must have a criminal background check which is required in AB 2917.

To standardize the application and certification requirements for EMTs required by AB 2917.

To reference the relevant section of Chapter 10 of this Division that specifies the required content of the EMT certificate card.

To specify the effective and expiration dates and the certification period for EMT certification.

To specify the requirements for recertification for individuals deployed for active duty with a branch of the Armed Forces.

### **Section 100081. EMT Recertification After Lapse in Certification.**

#### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Section title that was previously “Recertification After Lapse in Certification” was amended to add the term “EMT” at the beginning of the Title. This was done for consistency throughout the Chapter.

Subsection (a) was amended to specify this section pertains to “California” EMTs.

Subsection (a)(1) was amended to add the number “(6)” after the word “six” and to add criminal background checks to the certification requirement (1000079(a)(6) of this Chapter) as well as the relevant recertification requirements contained in Section 100080 of this Chapter.

Subsection (a)(2) ) was amended to add the number “(12)” after the word “twelve” and to add criminal background checks to the certification requirement (1000079(a)(6) of this Chapter) as well as the relevant recertification requirements contained in Section 100080 of this Chapter. Add the word “thirty-six” in front of the number “(36)”.

Subsection (a)(3) ) was amended to add the number “(12)” after the word “twelve” and to add criminal background checks to the certification requirement (1000079(a)(6) of this Chapter) as well as the relevant recertification requirements contained in Section 100080 of this Chapter. Add the number “(24)” after the word “twenty-four” and the word “forty-eight” before the number “(48)”.

Subsection (a)(4) was amended to add the number “(24)” after the word “twenty-four”.

New Subsection (b): adds language to this Chapter that explains how a person, whose EMT certification expired while on active duty, can recertify their EMT certificate.

Old Subsection (b) was amended to be New Subsection (c) and to add the number “(2)” after the word “two” as well as add language about EMT certification expiration dates.

Old Subsection (c) was amended to be New Subsection (d) which adds the word “card” after “certificate” pursuant to “Section 100344 (c) and (d) of Chapter 10” of this Division.

The rest of the original language in this section was struck.

Reference section was amended for consistency with the Health and Safety Code.

## NECESSITY

These changes are necessary:

For clarification in several subsections by placing a number in parenthesis for emphasis.  
To specify that beginning July 1, 2010 all EMTs must have a criminal background check which is required in AB 2917.

To standardize the application and certification requirements for EMTs required by AB 2917.

To reference the relevant section of Chapter 10 of this Division that specifies the required content of the EMT certificate card.

To specify the effective and expiration dates and the certification period for EMT certification.

To specify the requirements for recertification for individuals deployed for active duty with a branch of the Armed Forces.

### **Section 100082. Record Keeping.**

#### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Subsection (d) was amended and language has been struck because it is no longer necessary as this information will be contained in the EMT Central Registry.

Subsection (e) was amended and language has been struck because this information will be contained in the EMT Central Registry.

Old Subsection (f) was amended to be New Subsection (d).

Subsection (g) was amended and language has been struck because it is no longer needed.

Reference section was amended for consistency with the Health and Safety Code.

## NECESSITY

These changes are necessary:

Because the information previously required will be contained in the EMT Central Registry as required by AB 2917.

The defibrillation outcome reports are no longer used by the EMS Authority.

### **Section 10083. Fees.**

#### **SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION**

Reference section was amended for consistency with the Health and Safety Code.

## NECESSITY

These changes are necessary for consistency with current statute.

## **TECHNICAL, THEORETICAL, AND/OR EMPIRICAL STUDY, REPORTS, OR DOCUMENTS**

The Authority relied on input from the EMT 2010 Task Force, which consisted of California EMS constituents that provided input from the operational, educational, administrative, and medical perspectives.

**REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION THAT WOULD LESSEN ANY ADVERSE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS.**

The EMS Authority has not identified any alternatives that would lessen any adverse impact on small businesses.

**EVIDENCE SUPPORTING FINDING OF ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ANY BUSINESS**

The EMS Authority has determined that there are no adverse economic impacts on any business.

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